



# **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

## **GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

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The Department of Transportation is requesting approval from the Information Technology Resource Procurement Advisory Council (ITRPAC) to continue consulting services through the end of Fiscal Year 9697 with GIS-TRANS. This contract was awarded as a result of an RFP for consulting services through the end of Fiscal Year 9697 with GIS-TRANS. This contract was awarded as a result of an RFP for consulting services to assist the Department in formulating an enterprisewide GIS strategy which included identification of users requirements on a departmental basis, formulation of a core technical architecture with standards development and to provide technical specifications for an enterprisewide GIS.

The current consulting contract was executed in December 1994 with a three year ceiling of \$1.5 Million. Based on the estimates of the scope at that time, the Department did not anticipate that this contract would exceed the ITRPAC threshold of \$1 Million over a two year period. As work has progressed over the last two years, the Department has encountered a more complicated environment than was originally anticipated. There are more GIS initiatives in place within the Department and the effort to obtain some degree of consistency and compatibility across the enterprise has consumed more resources than expected. In addition, the need to coordinate the GIS development work with outside influences, such as the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), federal and local governments escalated resource consumption on the contract as well. These factors have led the Department to estimate that we will exceed the ITRPAC threshold of \$1 Million for this contract prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Department of Transportation submits this ITRPAC document summarizing project development, management, and development of the Geographic Information System standards for your review. This document will cover the period December 1997 through June 1997. Before July 1997, the Department will return with a new document describing the future developments to be undertaken in the GIS program for FY 1997/98 and beyond. This will be done in accordance with anticipated funding for GIS submitted as part of the Department's 9798 Legislative Budget Request.